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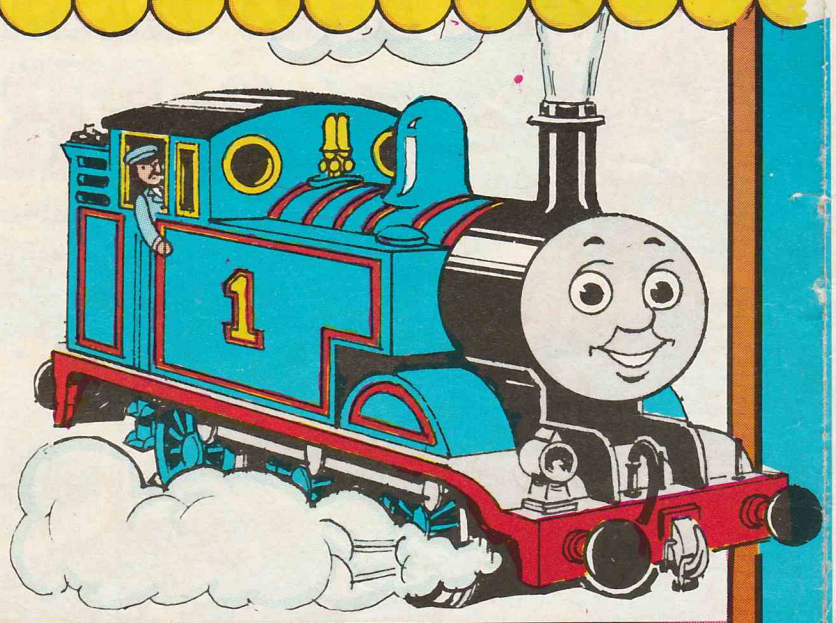
THE THOMAS CLUB PAGE

Peep! Peep! One of the tunnels on the Island of Sodor has been shut down and declared unsafe! One day, just as Percy the small engine notices two schoolboys playing inside the entrance of the tunnel – it collapses! On no, they must be saved! Peep! Peep!



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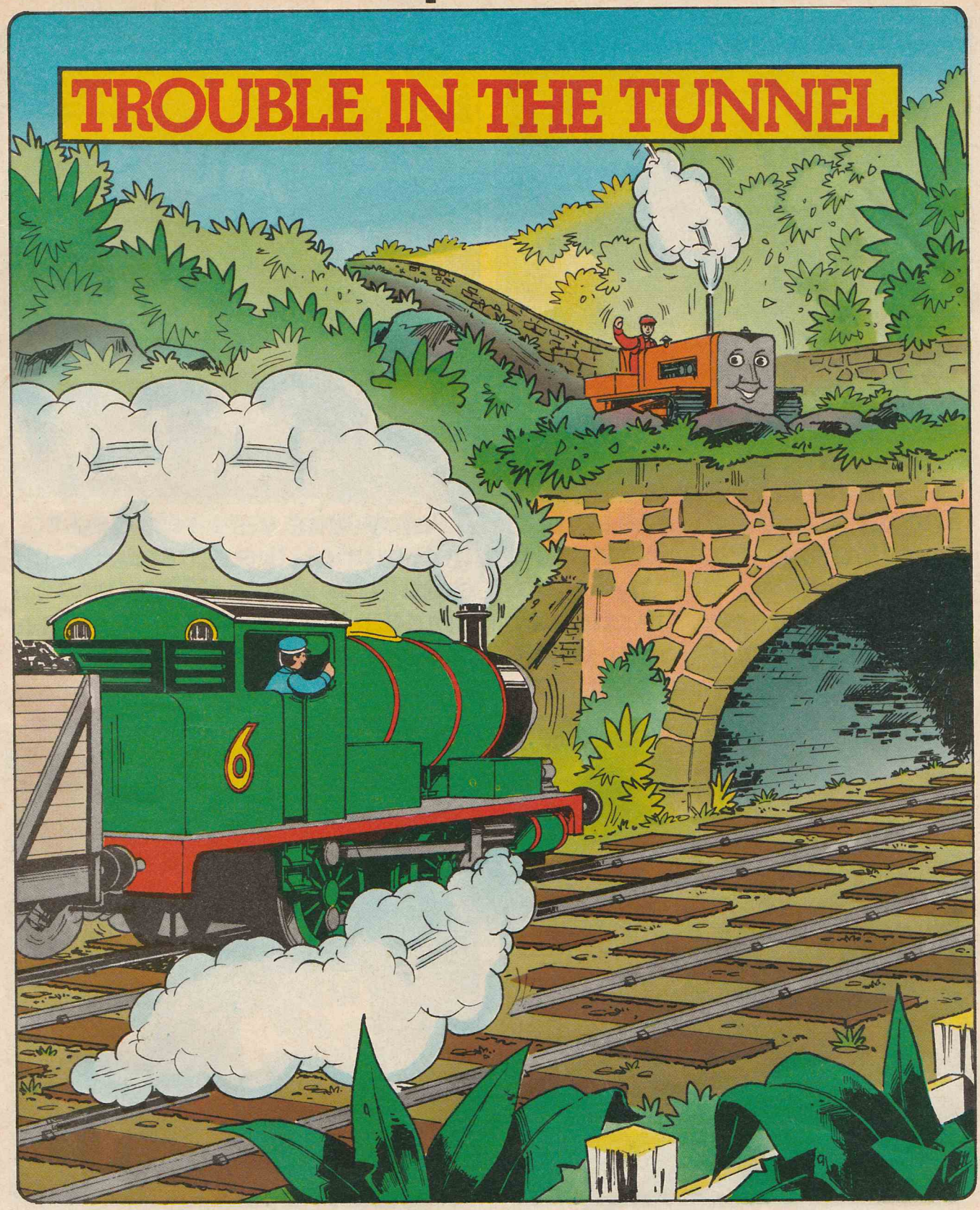
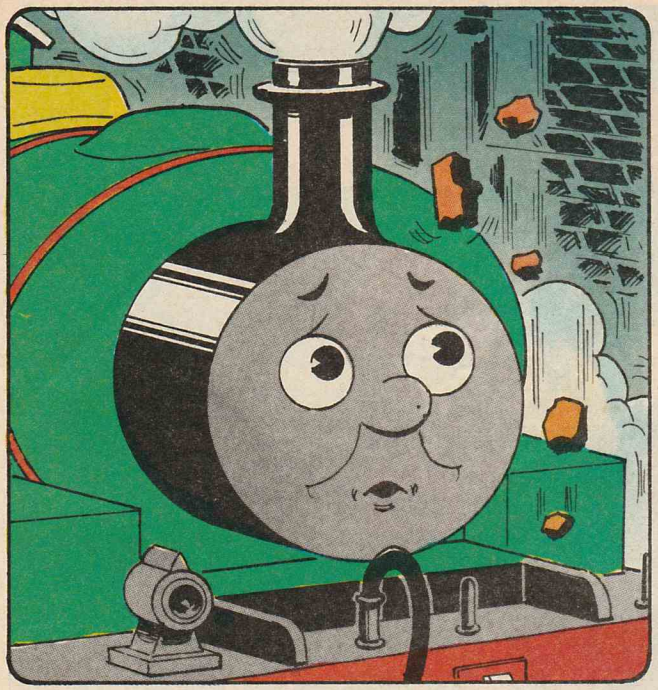
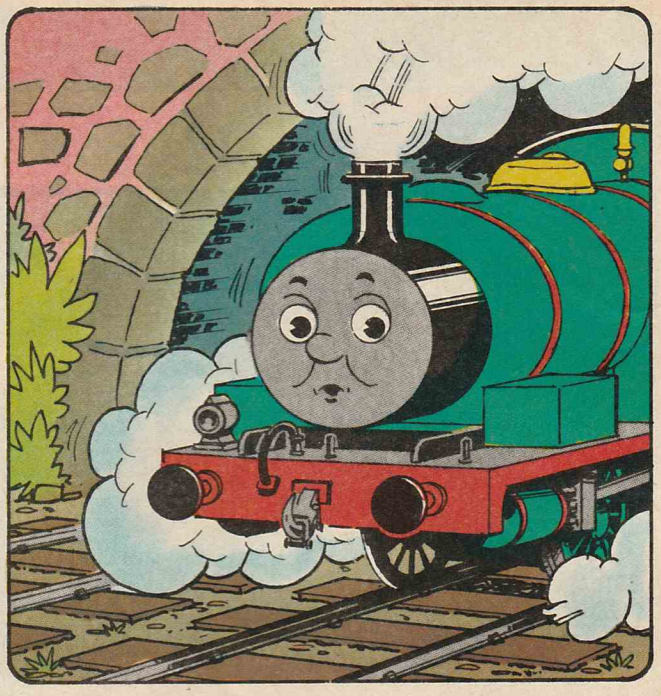


1. Percy was pulling trucks of slate from the quarry to the harbour. As he approached a tunnel on his line, he saw Terence the Tractor on the road above.

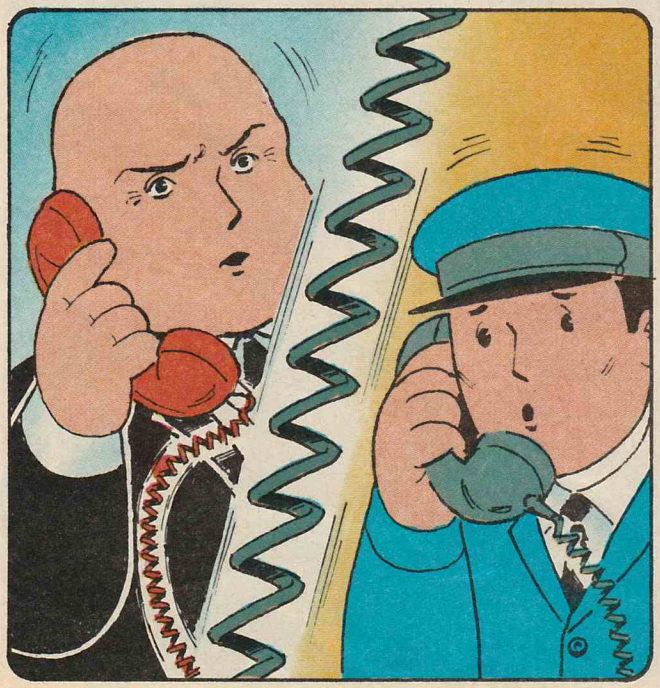
2. "Hello, Terence!" shouted Percy, before he disappeared into the tunnel. Percy liked going through tunnels. They were dark and cool.



3. But this time, something was wrong. The cars and heavy lorries on the road had weakened the tunnel supports. Lumps of brick fell down on Percy.

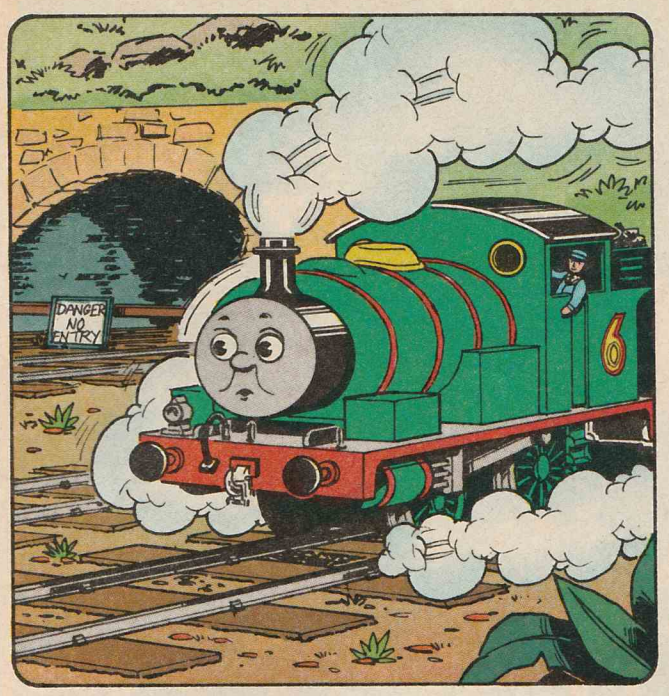


4.Percy was very relieved to get out of the tunnel. "Oh, dear!" he cried. "The tunnel could collapse at any moment! I must tell the Fat Controller at once!"



5. At the next station, Percy's driver telephoned the Fat Controller. He told him about the tunnel. "This is most serious!" said the Fat Controller.

6. The tunnel, and the road above, were immediately closed. Workmen went into the tunnel to investigate the damage. "It will take a long time to repair," they said.

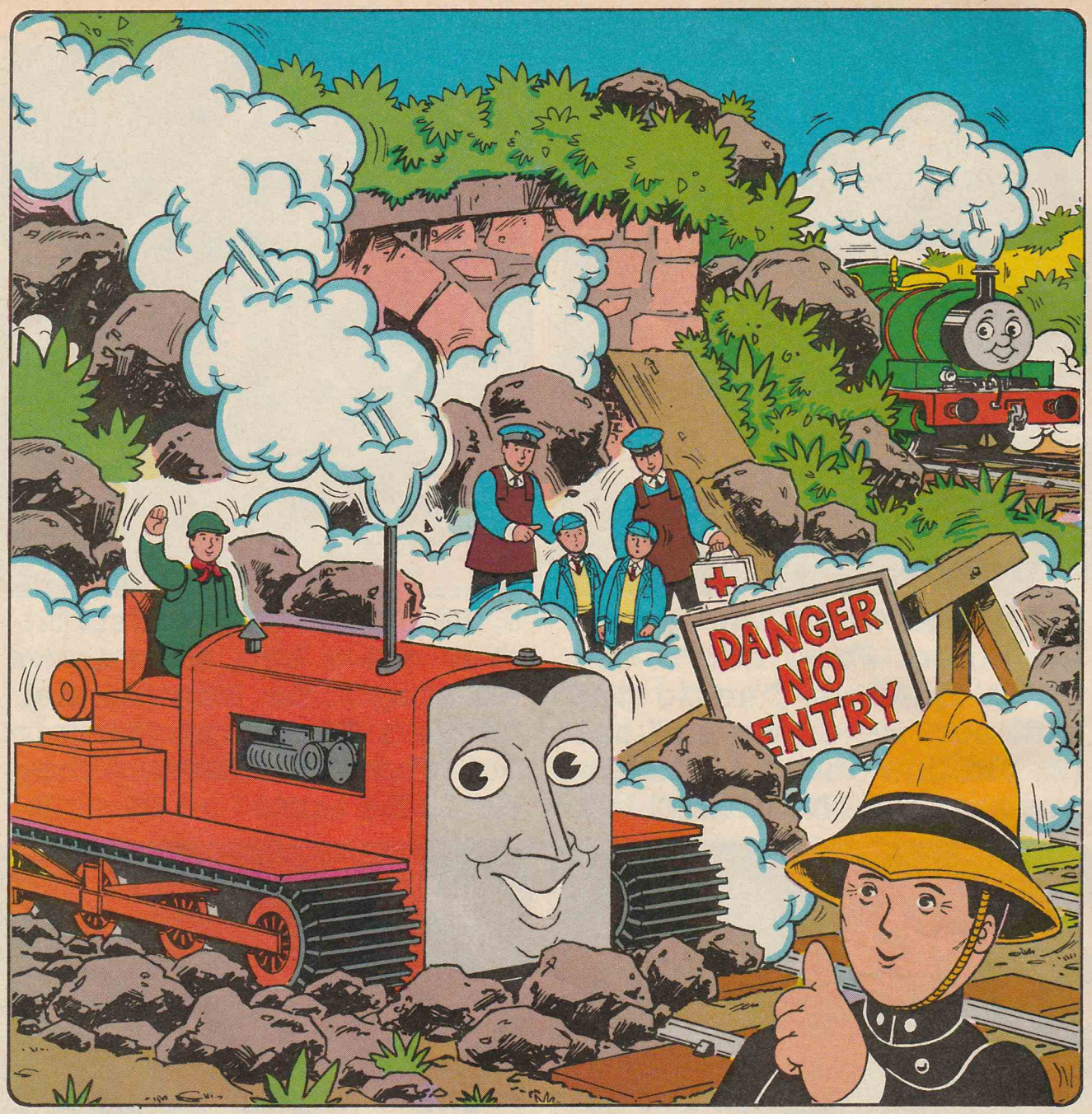


7. No one was allowed into the tunnel. Percy had to run on a different line to the harbour. He could still see his old line and the dangerous tunnel as he passed by.

8. One day, Percy was surprised to see two schoolboys entering into the tunnel. "What a dangerous thing to do!" thought Percy. "They could be hurt."

9. And suddenly, with a loud crash, the tunnel entrance completely collapsed! There was a lot of dust and the two boys were nowhere to be seen.

10. "Ashes and cinders," cried Percy. "They must be trapped inside!" Percy hurried to the nearest signal box. His driver called the emergency services.



11. An ambulance and fire engine soon arrived. The tunnel had collapsed at both ends. "Send for Terence!" said Percy's guard. Terence was quickly brought to the tunnel. With help from his driver, he was able to manoeuvre in such a way that he could push most of the rubble from the tunnel entrance.

12. The children were brought out by the ambulance men. Luckily they were not hurt. They had taken safe shelter in the middle of the tunnel. Percy and Terence were praised for their quick actions. When the tunnel was finally repaired and made safe, Percy had the honour of being the first engine through.

THE END

In our next issue: Daisy and Diesel!

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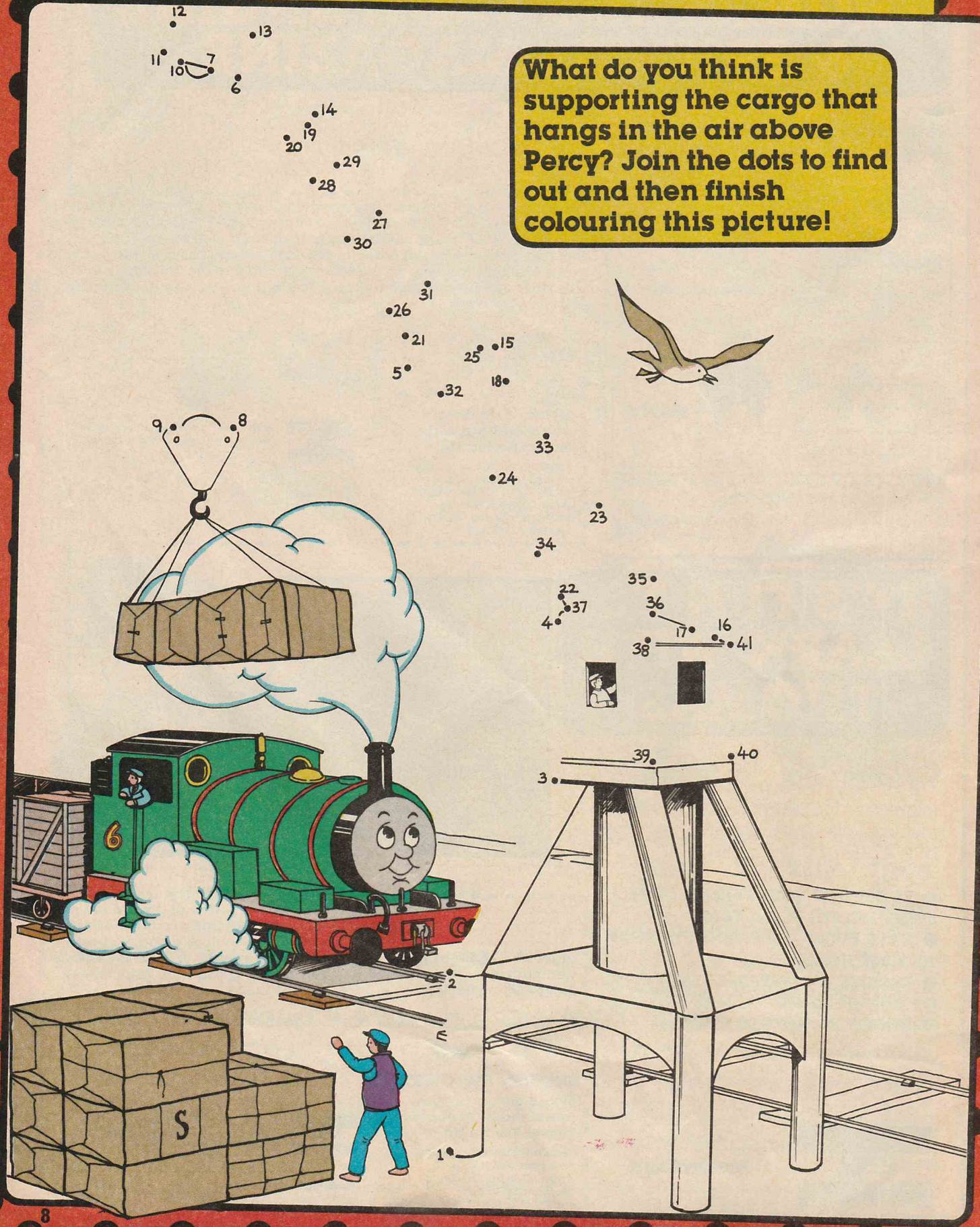
What do you think is supporting the cargo that hangs in the air above Percy? Join the dots to find out and then finish colouring this picture!



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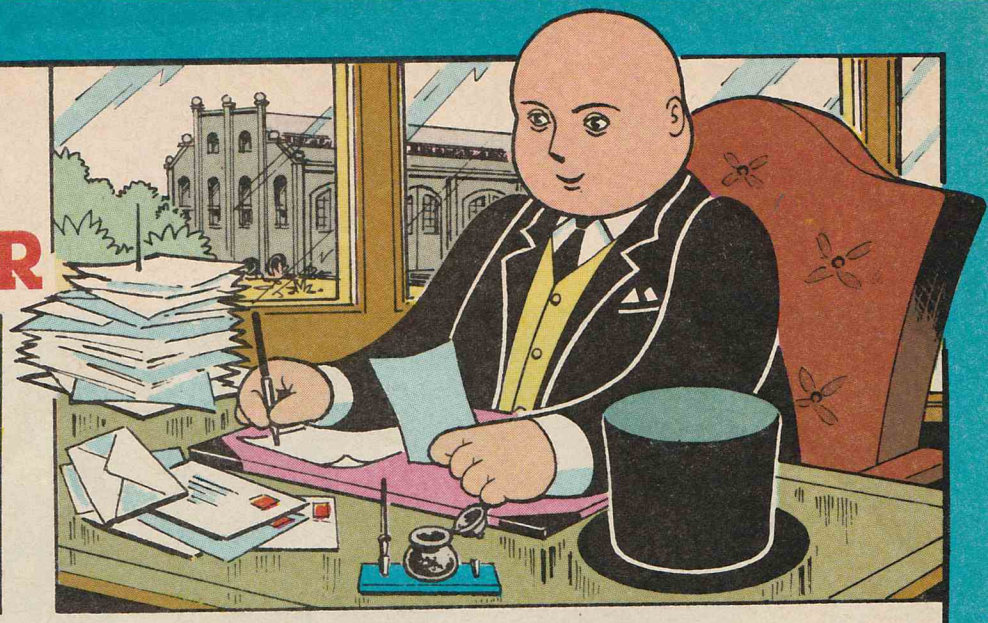

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas – or any of the other engines? Then why not write to me at the address below? I should be so very pleased to hear from you!

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STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
During the bad weather we had a power cut for nine days. Luckily, I had been given a **Thomas the Tank Engine** torch and was able to use it when my sister Sophie woke up in the night! She soon stopped crying when she saw Thomas's smiling face shining on the wall!
Love from **Joshua.**

Upon my soul! *What a splendid idea . . . I must agree though, Thomas's smiling face* ***is*** *a most cheery sight indeed!*

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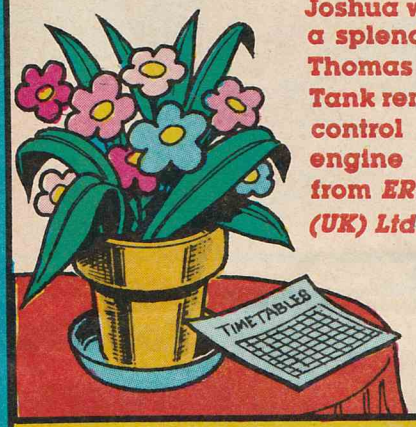

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Dear Fat Controller,
I have just started having my **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends** magazine delivered. It arrives first thing on a Saturday morning with Daddy's newspaper! I read my magazine while Daddy reads his newspaper!
Love from **Grant**, aged 2.

Splendid! *I do hope that you also let your Daddy have a read of your magazine when you have finished reading it yourself!*

RHYME TIME!

Dear Fat Controller,
Here is a poem for Thomas . . .
Peep, peep says Thomas
Racing down the track
I'm going to beat Bertie
I'll be the first one back!
Love from **Hayley**. (Mem. no. 31372)

Well, well . . . that is a splendid poem! It reminded Thomas of his great race . . . between himself and Bertie, you know!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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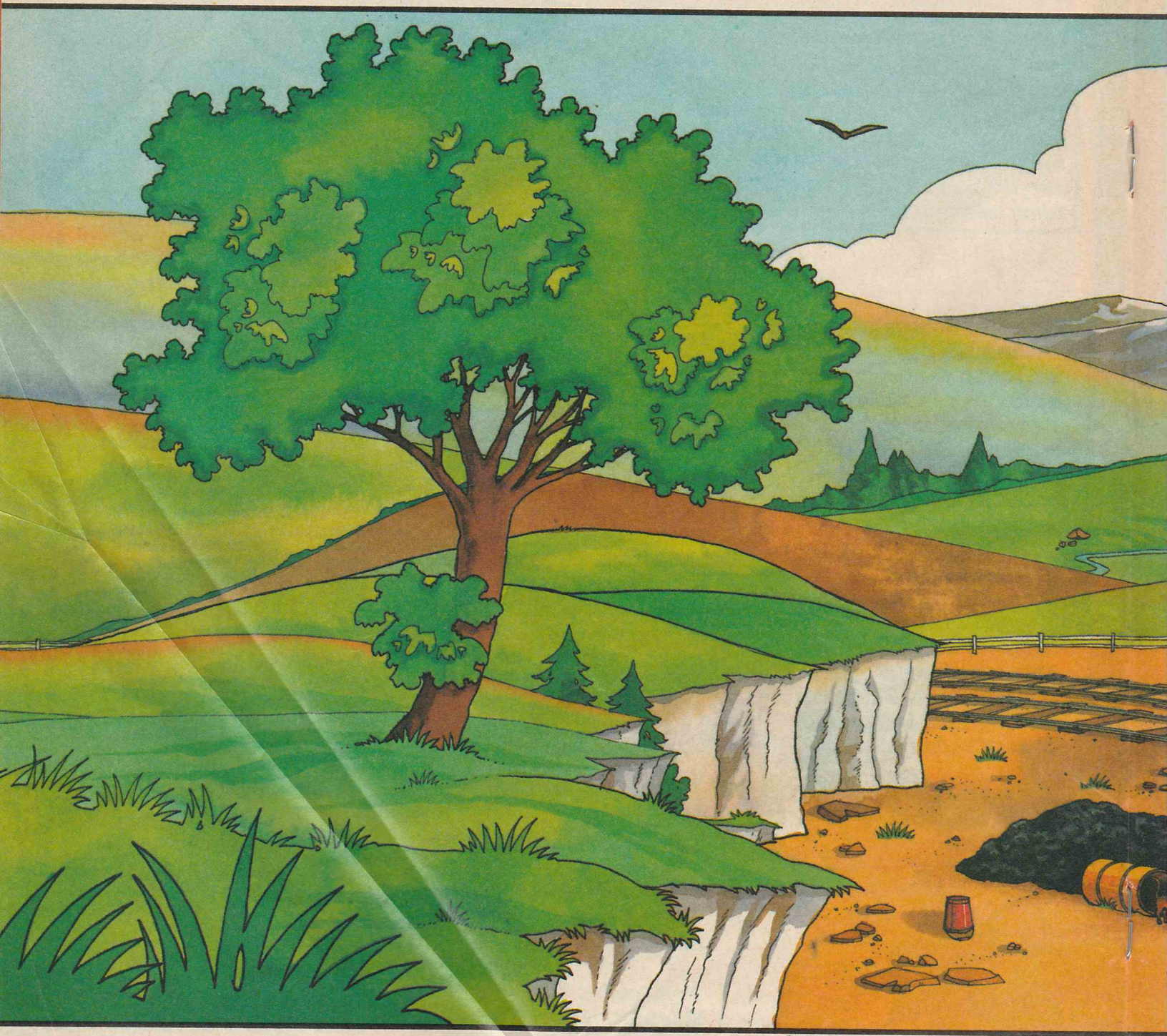

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Why has he stopped?

Where do you think the water comes out?

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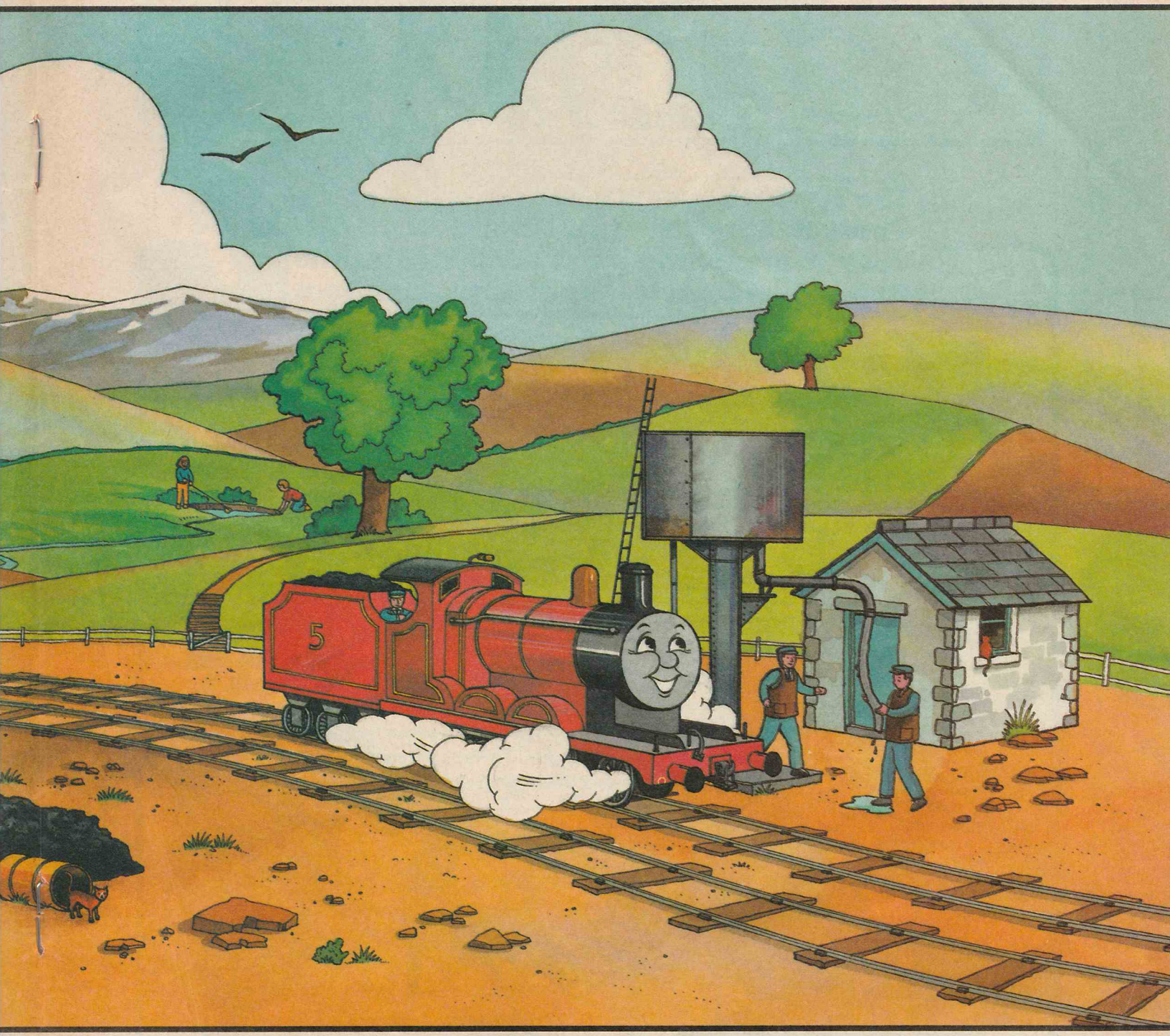

two cats!

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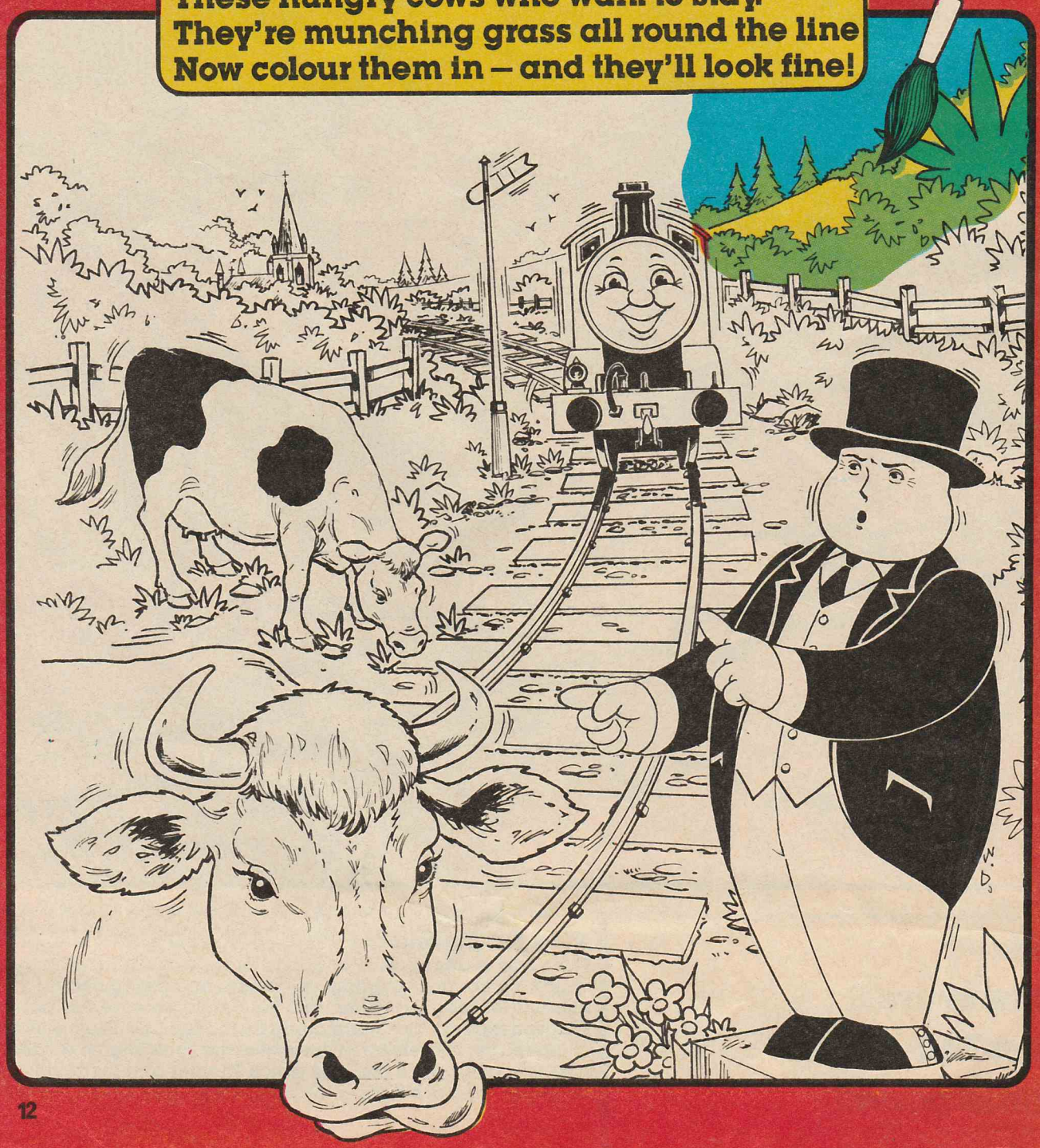
Next issue: Round the bend!

COLOURING TIME!

The Fat Controller is waving away
These hungry cows who want to stay.
They're munching grass all round the line
Now colour them in – and they'll look fine!



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Thomas and

The Fat Controller was going to give an important speech at the Town Hall. He took along his umbrella in case it rained.

"This umbrella is a very special one," the Fat Controller told Thomas. "It was given to me by my wife on our our wedding anniversary."

The Fat Controller climbed into Annie and Thomas took him to the station where Bertie was waiting to drive him to the Town Hall.

On the return journey, Thomas was surprised to see something lying on the grassy bank beside the rails. It was the Fat Controller's umbrella.

umbrella

"Goodness! Whatever can that be doing here?" thought Thomas.

Thomas's driver put on the brakes. He climbed down from his cab, and picked up the umbrella. He could see the intitials F.C. marked on the cane.

"Whatever is the Fat Controller's umbrella doing all the way out here?" he wondered.

"Oh, dear," said Thomas. "The Fat Controller will be cross because it is his special umbrella."

Thomas's driver laughed. "Don't worry," he said. "I'll pick it up and we'll deliver it to the Fat Controller's office immediately."

Suddenly Thomas let out a loud **"Peeeeeeeep!** I can see something moving in the bushes!" he cried.

The driver went over to have a look. There in the bushes was a large, scruffy dog.

"He looks lost," said the

the Umbrella

driver. "We had better take him with us as well."

At the next station the Fat Controller was waiting for Thomas. He looked very cross.

"I've lost my umbrella," he said. "I tripped over while running to catch Bertie and dropped it. A cheeky dog snatched it up and ran away with it."

"Please, sir," said Thomas excitedly. "I've found your umbrella and the dog!"

Thomas's driver returned the umbrella to the Fat Controller then showed him the dog. The Fat Controller was very pleased.

"Well done, Thomas!" he said. "We shall take the dog to the dog's home until we find its owner. And I have my umbrella back just in time."

At that moment some drops of rain plopped onto the station platform.

"Wheeesh!" said Thomas, happily.

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LOOK WHAT'S PUFFING YOUR WAY...

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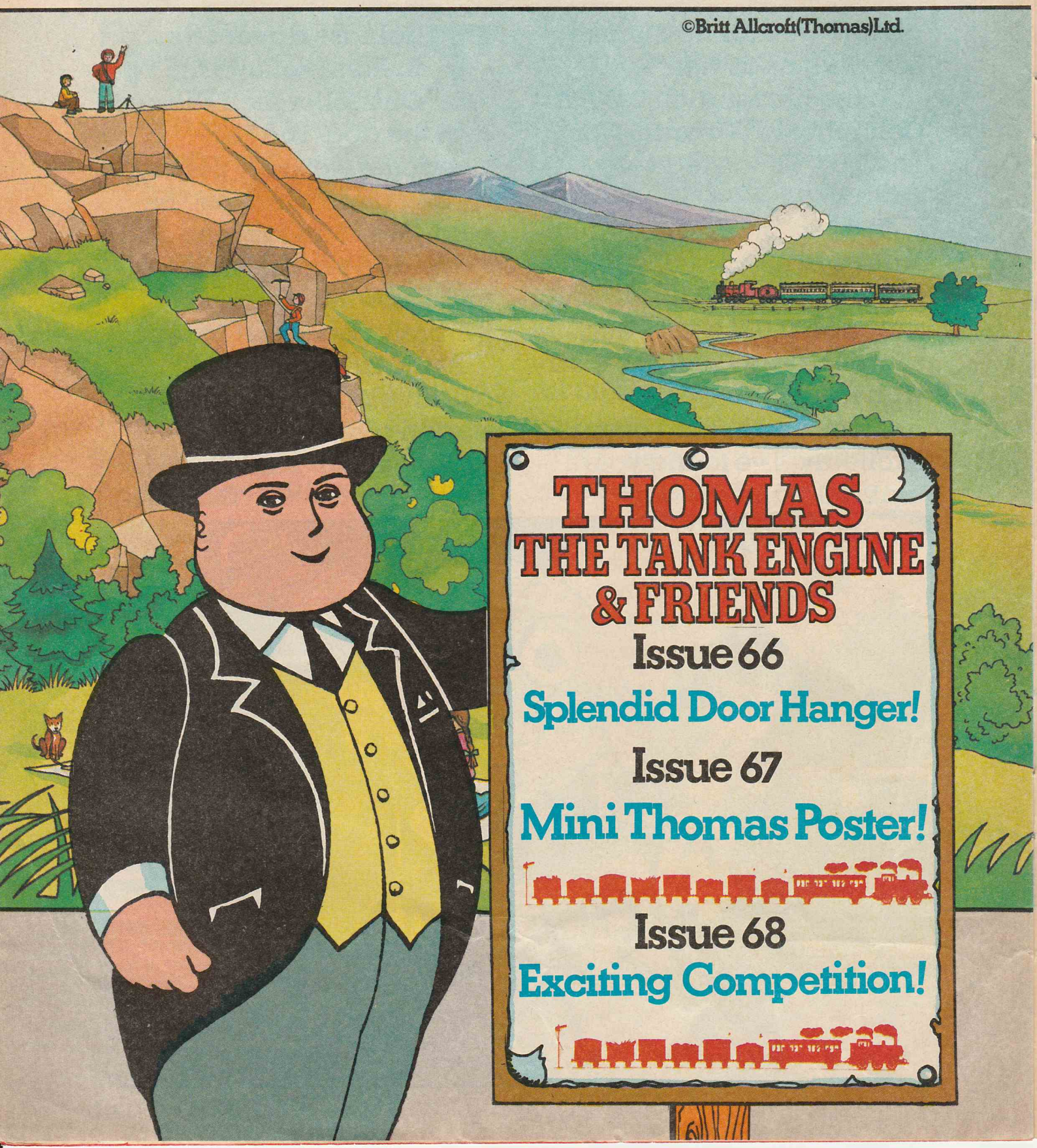

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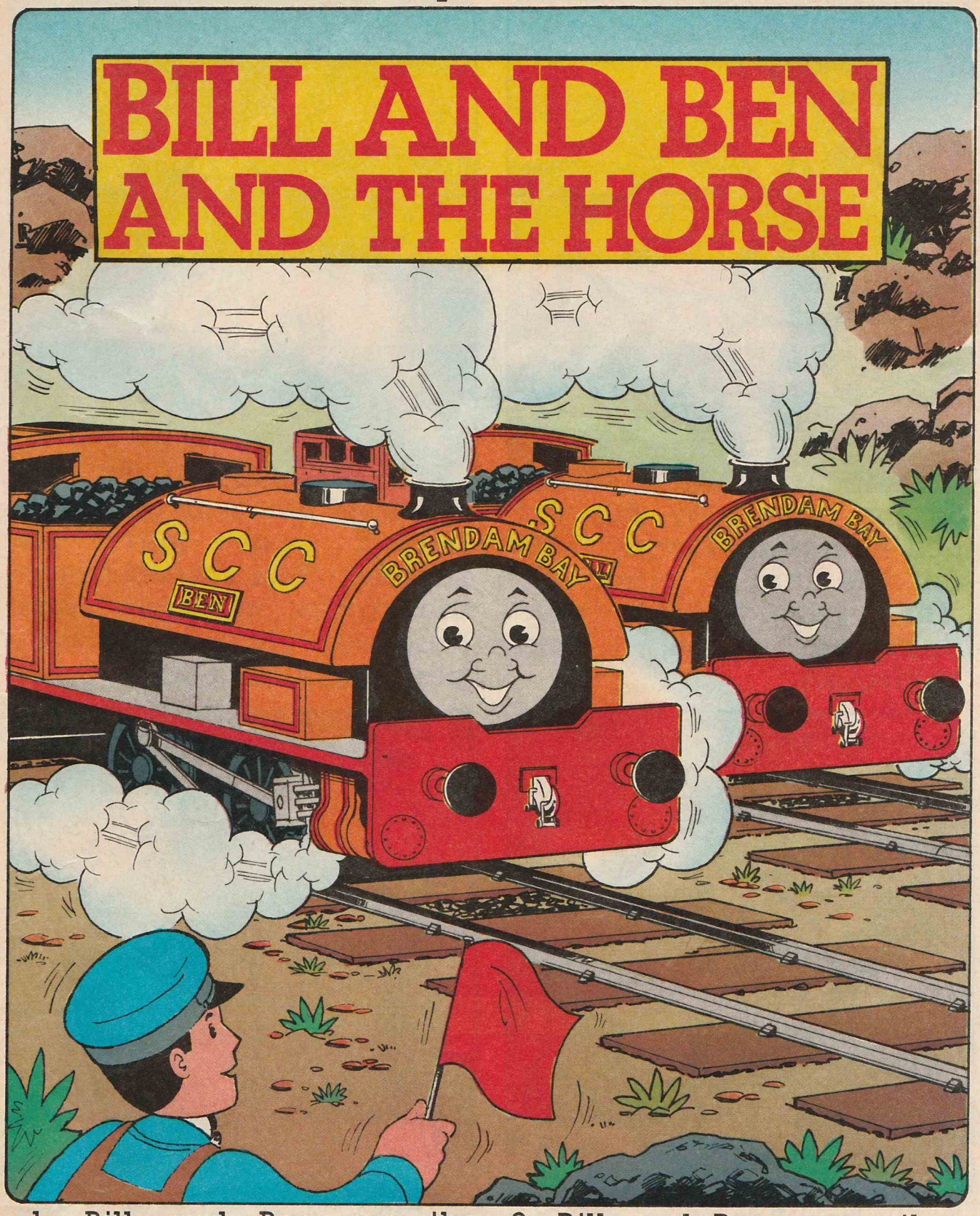
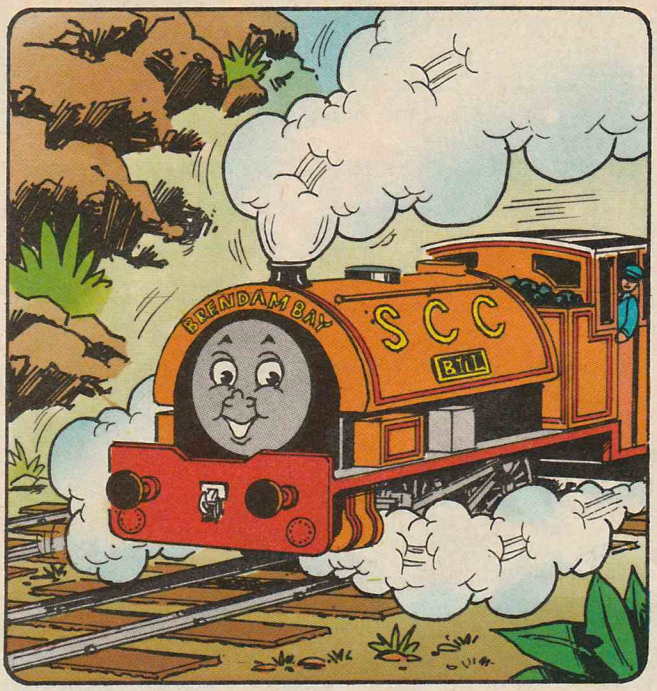
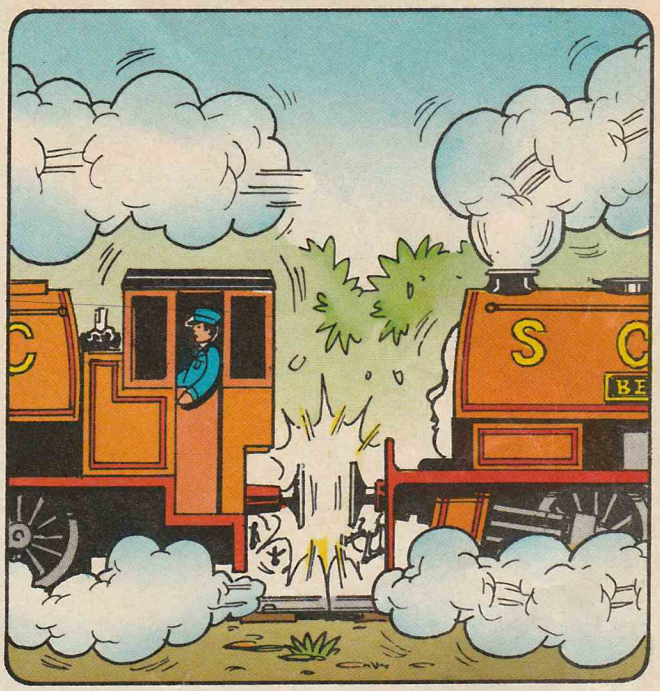


1. Bill and Ben are the Saddle-tank engine twins who work in the clay pits. They bring trucks of China clay to the Big Harbour for loading onto the big ships.

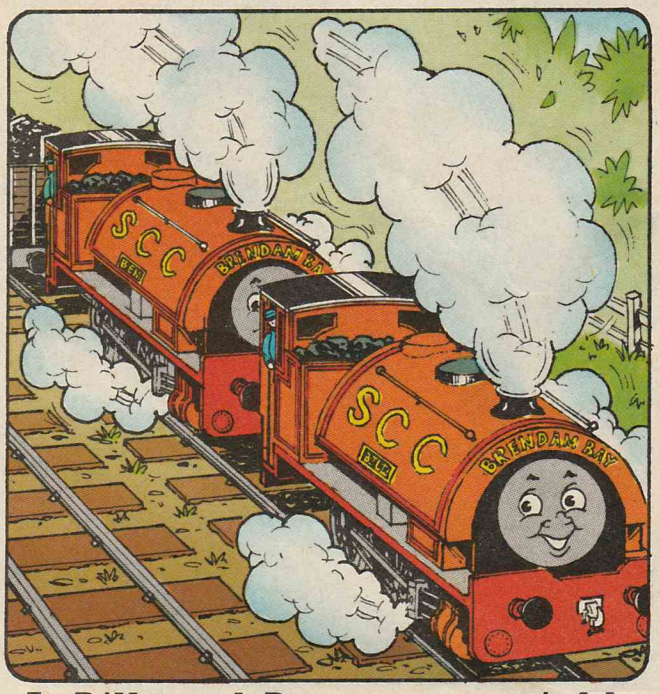
2. Bill and Ben are rather cheeky little engines. They aren't always very sensible, especially if they are in one of their mischievous moods, which **is** rather often.



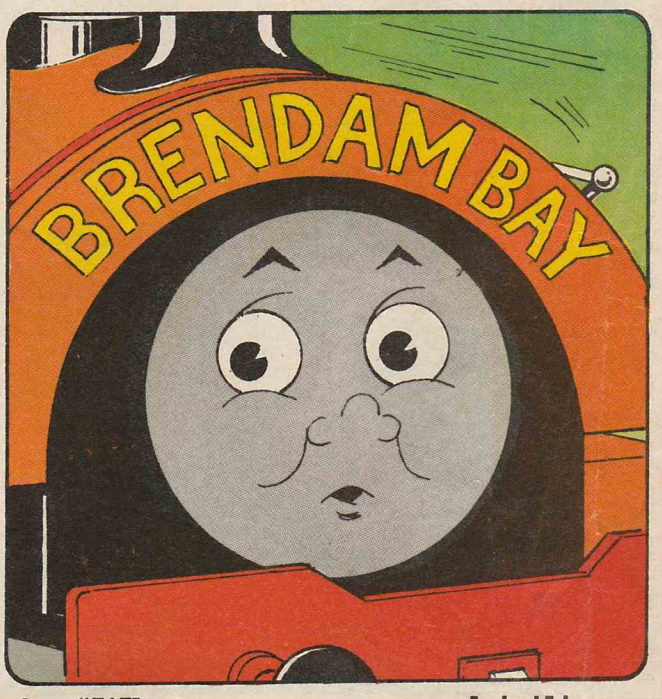
3. One sunny day, Bill and Ben were misbehaving. "Let's get the trucks!" cried Bill. "I'm right behind you!" answered Ben, mischievously.



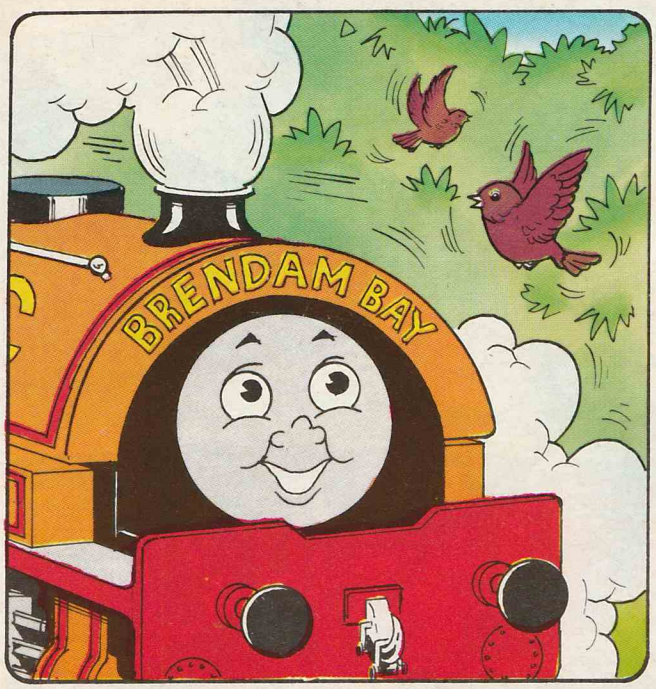
4. **Bump!** Ben was too close behind poor Bill!" he shouted. "You should bump the trucks, not me!" Ben laughed. "My rails are slippery," I couldn't stop.



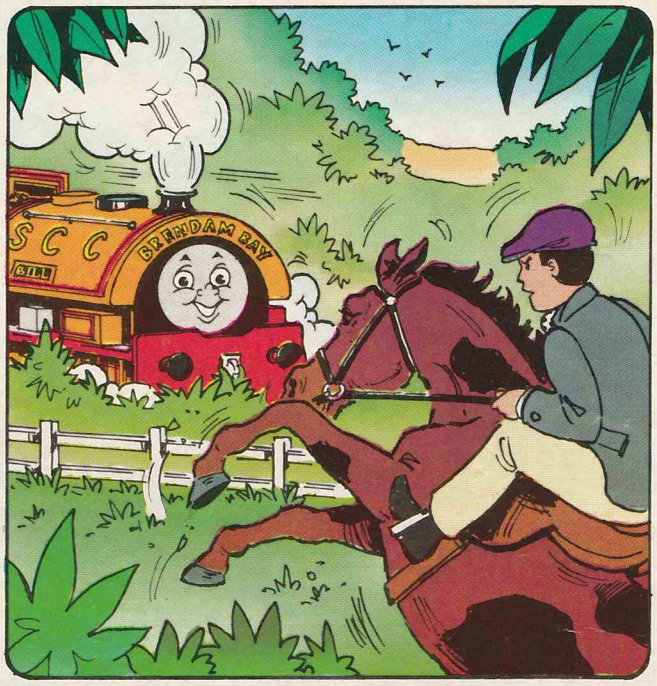
5. Bill and Ben were quickly coupled up to their trucks and they set off for the Big Harbour. "Peep peep, hullo!" whistled Bill as they pulled out of the clay pits.



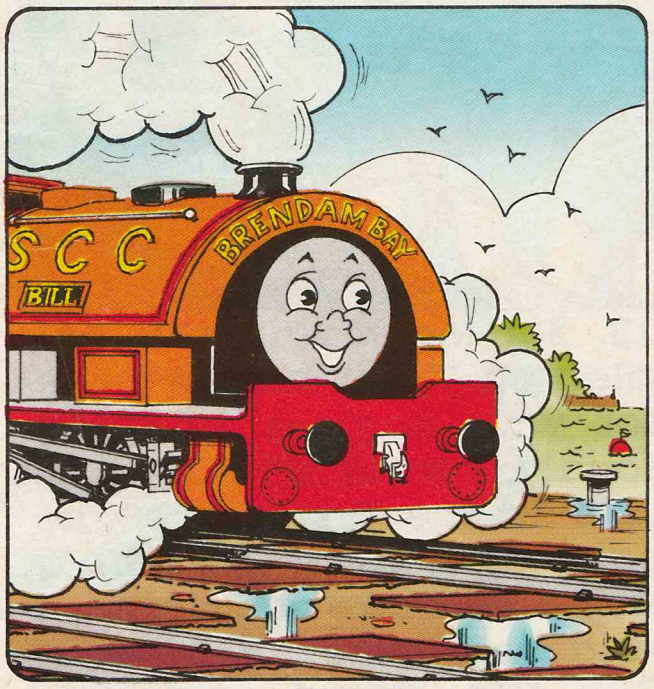
6. "Who are you whistling hullo to?" asked Ben. There was nobody around. "I was saying hullo to the trees!" said Bill. Ben thought that was very funny indeed.



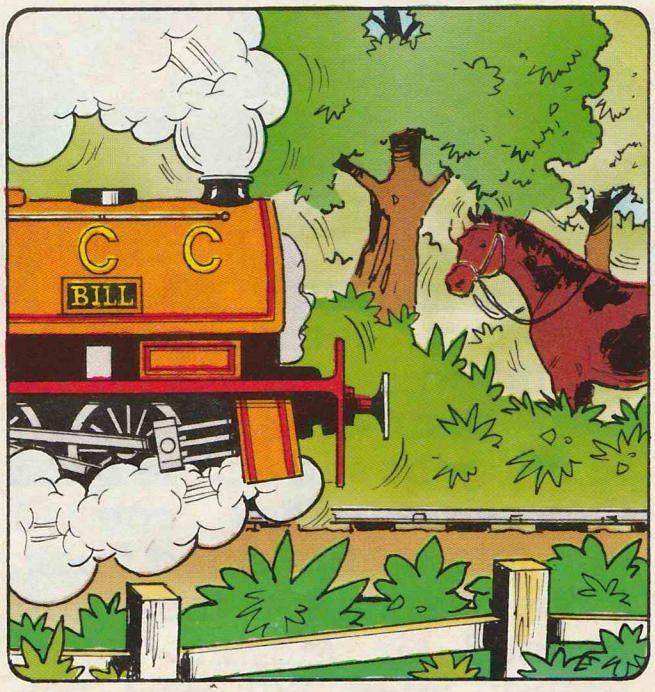
7. "Pip pip peep!" whistled Ben with a laugh. "Hullo, birds!" "Peep peep pip pip!" called Bill. "Hullo cattle!" Bill and Ben were whistling hullo to everything!



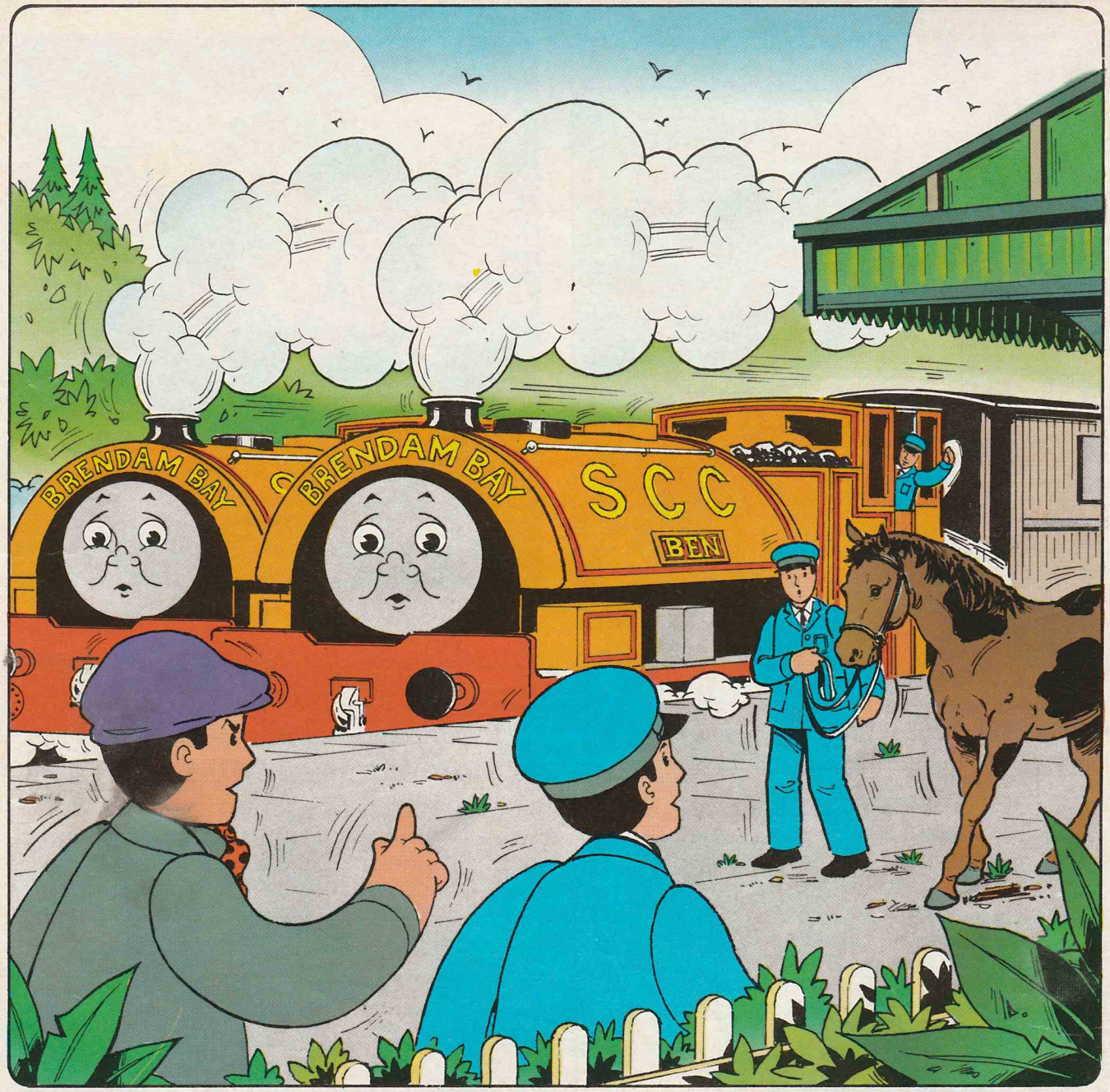
8. "There's Mr. Martin on his black and brown horse!" cried Ben. "Peep peep! Hullo Mr. Martin!" whistled Bill. The two engines laughed as they hurried along the line.



9. At last they reached the Big Harbour. With a lot of whistling and bumping, Bill and Ben delivered the China clay. They collected some empty trucks to take back.



10. Bill and Ben were coming back through a small wood when they spotted the black and brown horse. "That's Mr. Martin's horse!" said Bill. "What is it doing there?"



11. Bill and Ben stopped. Mr. Martin was nowhere to be seen. Their drivers decided to bring the stray horse back themselves. They coaxed him into a high sided truck. At the next station, the guard phoned Mr. Martin. "Hullo! Hullo!" cried Bill and Ben when he arrived. Mr. Martin looked very cross. "We found your horse," said the guard.

12. But Mr. Martin was not pleased. "If it hadn't been for your engines whistling loudly, I wouldn't have lost him in the first place!" he said. "They gave him such a fright he threw me right off and ran away!" "Oh," said Bill. "Oh dear," said Ben. They were very sorry now and they wished they hadn't whistled quite so playfully.

THE END

In our next issue: Edward and the Express!